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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jeremy Norris

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 12-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 March 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Objections*

Claims 1-15 objected to because of the following informalities: There are several minor grammatical errors (such as repeated words in line 5 of claim 1). Appropriate correction is required.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gore (US 5,690,270).

Gore discloses, a substrate for mounting an electronic part or parts thereon, comprising a core substrate (610) and at least a set (606) of insulation layer and patterned wiring line layer, which is formed on the insulation layer, and at least one side of the core substrate, the core substrate having holes, in each of which a lead pin of the electronic part to be mounted is to be inserted, and being provided with lands which surround the opening of the hole and to which the lead pin (604) inserted in the hole is to be bonded, wherein the insulation layer and at least one side of the core substrate has bores (614), which expose the land at their bottoms, and communicate with the hole [claims 1, 13-15] wherein the hole, in which the lead pin of the electronic part is to be inserted, has an inside wall on which a conductor layer (612) is formed, the conductor layer being led to

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the land [claim 2] further comprising lands which surround the opening of the hole at the side of the core substrate opposed to the side on which the electronic parts are to be mounted, and which are led to the conductor layer on the inside wall of the hole [claim 3] wherein the land at the side of the core substrate opposed to the side on which the electronic parts are to be mounted is connected to a wiring line at this side [claims 4, 12], wherein the holes, in which the lead pin of the electronic part is to be inserted, has an open end at the side of the core substrate opposed to the side on which the electronic parts are to be mounted [claim 5].

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 6-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims 6 and 7 state the limitation "has an closed end at the side of the core substrate opposed to the side on which the electronic parts are to be mounted". This limitation, in conjunction with the other claimed limitations was neither found to be disclosed in, nor suggested by the prior art.

#### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US 5,730,932      Sarkhel et al.,

US 6,271,480      Yamaguti et al.,

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US 6,307,161      Grube et al..

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeremy Norris whose telephone number is 703-306-5737. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Th., 9AM - 6:30 PM and alt. Fri. 9AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Talbott can be reached on 703-305-9883. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-7724 for regular communications and 703-305-7724 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0956.

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